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### HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Melinda Ferry, chairwoman at 6:35 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Hocine Boache, Melinda Ferry, Sue Stack, Yale Cantor, Sue Hannigan

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wayne Reynolds, Erin Graziani, Peter Williams, Thomas Dzicek, Adam Kurpat, Amelia Kurpat, Celine Richardson, Laurie Burstein.

### NEW SENIOR CENTER REPORT

**POWER POINT PRESENTATION:** Wayne Reynolds, chairman of the Senior Center Steering Committee presented a 20 minute power point presentation on the need for a new senior center. Ellington's senior population has increased by 21% over the last 10 years. The presentation's logo is "Supporting Senior Life". During the video Mr. Reynolds answered the question of who are the seniors, and what are their needs. They want computer training, social interaction and stimulation, exercise, transportation, and medicals needs met. These activities are offered at our current three-room senior center. The center has a maximum occupancy of 64. Space limitation does not allow for expansion of any activities. Mr. Reynolds was assisted by Thomas Dzicek.

**REVIEW CONCEPTUAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN:** The conceptual architectural design was presented by Peter Williams, Wayne Reynolds, and Sue Hannigan. The design concept is set for 15-20 years before the need for expansion. The new senior center can hold up to 200 people in the main room. The design has room for side and/or rear expansion.

**REVIEW ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS:** Peter Williams reviewed project costs presented by the Lawrence Associates and fielded questions from the commission and members of the audience on site locations, grant options, and project time lines.

**STATUS OF THE SENIOR CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE:** After much discussion, the Commission decided to table this item until the November meeting. The project scope and parameters have been met. An operations budget has been developed. Categorization and organization of funding options have been completed. Compilation and appraisal of site locations has been completed.

Formulation of the project time line has been completed depending on town referendum timing and approval. Organization and implementation of the community public relations program is ongoing. This is the "Supporting Senior Life "campaign started in September 2011.

The Steering Committee worked closely with the Design Review Board (DRB) and the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) during site selection, design, and pre construction as a sub-committee of the Human Services Commission. The Commission will recommend to the Board of Selectmen if the Steering Committee should continue as a sub-committee to work closely with the DRB and PBC to monitor and report back to the Commission on design and construction of the Center.

During this meeting the Commission made the following recommendations to be included on the agenda at the October 17, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting:

- 1. Motion (Y. Cantor), Seconded (S. Stack) and approved to accept the conceptual Architectural Design prepared by The Lawrence Associates (Sk-1, 2 & 3 dated 09/21/2011), Site Selection (22 Maple Street) and the Project Budget Estimations dated 09/21/2011 as recommended by the Senior Steering Committee.**
- 2. Motion( Y. Cantor) , Seconded (H. Boache) and approved to recommend approval by The Board of Selectmen, at their October 17, 2011 meeting, the Proposed Senior Center Conceptual Architectural Design prepared by the Lawrence Associates (SK-1, 2 & 3 dated 09/21/2011), Site Selection (22 Maple Street) and the Project Budget Estimations dated 09/21/2011 including "Supporting Senior Life Presentation."**
- 3. Motion (S. Stack), Seconded ( H. Boache) and approved to request the Town of Ellington Selectmen, at their October 17, 2011 meeting, to aggressively set in motion funding options to allow the construction of a new senior center as presented.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motioned (H. Boache), Seconded (Y. Cantor) and passed by all those present to adjourn at 8:03 P.M.

Submitted by,

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Acting Secretary